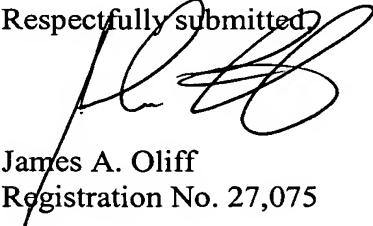


REMARKS

Claims 2-19 are pending in this application. By this Preliminary Amendment, claim 1 is canceled and new claims 2-19 are added. Prompt and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

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